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TAGS: CASC, SOCI, SCUL, PINS, IS
SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS LOCAL COMPLAINTS ABOUT BLACK
HEBREWSTHE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE JERUSALEM POST ON
AUGUST 15, 1980:

BEGIN TEXT:

DIMONA POLICE YESTERDAY BROKE UP A SMALL RIOT AFTER
RESIDENTS OF THE NITZAHON QUARTER IN THE NEGEV TOWN STOPPED
SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BLACK HEBREWS SECT FROM MOVING
INTO A FLAT THEY HAD RENTED.RESIDENTS OF THE NITZAHON NEIGHBOURHOOD OPPOSE THE SECT
MEMBERS MOVING INTO THE FLAT, AND ONE RESIDENT TOLD MAYOR
JACQUES AMIR HE WOULD COMMIT SUICIDE IF N' HING WAS DONE
TO STOP THEM.MEMBERS OF THE SECT HAD RENTED THE DIMONA AT FROM A TEL
AVIV WOMAN.AMIR YESTERDAY SENT A TELEGRAM TO INTERIOR MINISTER YOSEF
BURG ASKING FOR THE MINISTER'S INTERVENTION. IN THE
TELEGRAM AMIR SAYS: "THE PROBLEM OF THE BLACK HEBREWS IN
DIMONA IS GAINING DANGEROUS DIMENSIONS. FERMENT IN THE
NITZAHON NEIGHBORHOOD IS GROWING, AND THERE IS A DANGER
OF ACTIONS THAT WILL SHOCK THE COUNTRY. I ASK FOR YOUR
URGENT INTERVENTION BEFORE SOMETHING SHOCKING HAPPENS."

END TEXT. LEWIS

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